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REMARKS

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**APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/196,297, entitled "NETWORK ARCHITECTURE, SYSTEMS, AND METHODS," filed on April 12, 2000, the disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/814,178, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING AND CONFIGURING VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORKS," filed March 22, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 07937-0002, which is also expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The present invention also relates to U.S. Patent Application No. [(\_\_\_\_)] 09/832,339, entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PARTNERS IN VIRTUAL NETWORKS," filed April 11, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 07937-0002-01; U.S. Patent Application No. [(\_\_\_\_)] 09/832,362, entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR USING NAMES IN VIRTUAL NETWORKS," filed April 11, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 07937-0002-03; U.S. Patent Application No. [(\_\_\_\_)] 09/832,341, entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR MANAGING VIRTUAL ADDRESSES FOR VIRTUAL NETWORKS," filed April 11, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 07937-0002-04; U.S. Patent Application No. [(\_\_\_\_)] 09/832,345, entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING NETWORK SERVICES USING AT LEAST ONE PROCESSOR INTERFACING A BASE NETWORK," filed April 11, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 07937-0002-06; U.S. Patent Application No. [(\_\_\_\_)] 09/832,346, entitled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ENABLING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A

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